



CONVENTIONS

DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT

The Monroe and Danville, Va. districts convention convened at Schoolfield, Va. at the Church of God in Newtown, March 23-25. This convention was well represented by the clergy and laity of the districts. There were thirteen Church of God preachers, four Pentecostal preachers, one Methodist preacher and one Missionary Baptist preacher present at this convention, making a total of nineteen preachers at the convention. The best of all was the presence of the Holy Ghost. We had a wonderful time with the Lord. All the preachers seemed to be in perfect fellowship and the power of God fell while they gave out the messages under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost.

Brother I. H. Brabson, our state overseer, seemed to be at his best. We appreciate our overseer and feel that the work in the state will progress under his supervision. The dear people at the Schoolfield church certainly did take good care of the delegates of the convention which was highly appreciated by all.

We had the Schoolfield string band with us at the convention and they rendered good music.

The work in the Monroe district is moving along fairly well. We hope to get two new churches in this district this year. We have

paid our General Indebtedness quota off for the Monroe church and expect to go over the top in the entire district before the General Assembly. Please pray for us. —Yours for lost souls, Howard D. Statum, district overseer, Monroe, Va.

WONDERFUL DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Perry, Fla. district convention of the Church of God convened at Perry, Fla., March 30-April 1 with E. W. Williams, our state overseer, in charge. This program was well arranged. The convention started Friday night, Mar. 30th, with songs, prayer and music which was enjoyed by all present. The welcome address was given by our pastor, Brother W. H. Yates. I am sure every one was made to feel welcome. A testimony service was led by Sister Bessie Thomas. Brother Williams took charge of the service and preached us a wonderful sermon.

At ten-thirty Saturday morning service began with songs and prayer. Sister Thomas led the testimony service and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Brother Williams brought us another message. Our afternoon service started with songs, prayer and music and, dear friends, we had some of the best music and singing. We had three string bands with us and I do believe every one who took

part in the music was at his best. There were so many dear ones from the other districts. We were so glad to have every one of them with us. Saturday night Brother Minton brought us a message. Brother J. C. Thompson also preached for us. Isn't it wonderful finding glory all along the way?

Sunday morning we opened service with more good prayer and music. Just think when we get to heaven what pretty music we will have. The Sunday School superintendents from the different schools in the district made short talks. Some are making good progress for the Lord. Brother Williams brought us another message. We were dismissed for dinner. We spread dinner at the church and of all the good things we had to eat! Truly it was a beautiful table. In the afternoon the churches reported. We were glad to see as many as were from the churches in the district. Brother Abbott's little ten-year-old girl preached for us. She is wonderful. At seven-thirty we met again. After the good songs, music and prayer little Sister Avernell Abbott preached again. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. To see that child in the pulpit preaching makes us grown ones want to do our best for the Lord. Afterwards Brother Abbott spoke to us. We enjoyed it all. I believe we can truthfully say that it was the best convention Perry has had in years, also the largest attendance. — Your sisters in Christ, M'Dille Brown, Thelma Frith, Perry, Fla.

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NOTICES

To the Church of God in Louisiana: Brother Latimer has asked that all churches send in their quota on General Indebtedness by July first so I am asking that the pastors and leaders in Louisiana keep it before their churches until all have paid. It is necessary that we pay this. If you pay your quota you will not be called upon anymore. I am setting June 24th as the date to go over the top. These churches have raised their forty cents per member quota: Jena, Archbald, and Savannah Branch. When collected send to the General Secretary and Treasurer of the Church of God and report to me. Pastors, please do your best. — Sincerely, J. B. Cole, Overseer of Louisiana.

We are wanting a revival in this community. The nearest Church of God is about twelve miles from here. We have just started a Sunday School here with forty-six in attendance. We want a good man to come and run a meeting for us. This place is known as Fork, S. C. The people seem interested, so if you can stand small collections, come this way. I will see that you have something to eat. We refer you to H. L. Whittington as to this place.—Brailford Owens, Rt. 1, Dillon, S. C.

Brother J. B. Weeks of West Green, Ga. will begin a revival at Corinth Church of God, near Whitestone, Ga., the fourth Sunday in May, D. V. Please pray much for God to bless in this meeting.—Thad Puckett, pastor.

Will some one please send me the song which contains the words "Who would live always? I ask not to stay when storm after storm rises dark o'er the way."—John Freeman Brand, Lock Box 44, Opekiska, W. Va.

The Church of God at Clyde, N. C. will have a home coming the first Sunday in June. All neighboring churches are invited to attend, as well as the public at large. Brother R. E. Hamilton will be with us, also a number of other good speakers. Dinner will be served at the church. Remember we are going to try to complete our 40c per member quota on that day.

—H. L. Sorrow, pastor.

This is to certify that J. A. Smith of Longview, Miss. is a duly licensed minister of the Church of God, having come to us from the Methodist church, and is now open for calls in evangelistic work anywhere in the state. If interested, write him at Longview or Verona, Miss., Box 134.—T. M. McClendon, overseer of Mississippi.

Y. P. E's. in Alabama: In regard to our state Y. P. E. convention May 25-27, at Sylacauga. We will do our best to take care of you. Should we not be able to supply free entertainment to all, we will do our best to obtain for you reasonable rates in private homes. Young man, young lady, do you feel discouraged? are you hungry for a real rich blessing from the Father of love? then come to the Y. P. E. state convention and go away with a heartful of heaven's love and determination to live for Jesus and see inside those gates of New Jerusalem. You possibly have desired the Y. P. E. to be greater than what it is, then come help it be so. Are you coming, or are you going to stay away and miss the blessing this convention will afford?—Your servant, Earnest M. Smith.

To the superintendents, pastors, and Sunday Schools in Mississippi: What are you doing to boost the good work of Sunday School? Spring is here and offers great possibilities for this kind of work. May I insist that your Sunday School secretary make reports monthly, of your attendance so each Sunday School can compete for the banner? The banner stayed in Hattiesburg church three months, then to Byrds Chapel, then to Pisgah Springs. Who will claim it next month? Make reports on postal card to T. M. McClendon, State Supt. of S. S. in Mississippi.

To the churches in Mississippi: We are setting apart the first Sunday in June for special mission day in this state. Pastors, please do your duty; make missions a special topic of the day. I am glad to say we are moving up on missions and our work in general is moving on — good revivals, new churches, general indebtedness drive, in fact, a good spirit. Our ministers are in accord and the

power is falling. Our district conventions are fine. Amen.—T. M. McClendon, state overseer.

A revival will begin at the Church of God in Alabama City, Ala., Sunday, May 27, with B. L. Hicks, former overseer of Alabama, doing the preaching. We extend a cordial invitation to all our people and friends to attend. We are sacrificing everything in reason to make this meeting a success. Brother Hicks is coming from his church in Sarasota, Fla. and is to be with us two weeks. We want our members, wherever they are, and every one, to please pray for and attend as much as possible.—G. C. Dunn, pastor.

We are in the midst of a great revival here, with Brother R. P. Johnson in charge. Twenty have been saved and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost.—J. M. Snyder, Kannapolis, N. C.

We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Cora L. Neill and Verlena Rich. If not heard from by July 1st, their names will be dropped from our records at Pleasant Hill church.—C. M. Watkins, clerk, Carthage, Miss.

The Church of God at Detroit, Mich. would like to know the whereabouts and the spiritual condition of Mrs. Ruth Abenshire, Mrs. E. L. Brown, Mrs. J. Devine, Mrs. Herman Gall, Ella Gall, Stearl Jones, Mrs. Stearl Jones, Mrs. Londas, Mrs. Emma Miller, Ruth Olsen, Bill Parker, Amy Reed, Elma Sternburg, Della Spring, Mrs. McCarmick. If not heard from before our next conference, the first week in July, 1934, their names will be dropped from our records.—W. L. Pate, clerk; D. G. Phillips, pastor, 5686 16th St., Detroit, Mich.

NORTHWEST CONVENTION WILL CONVEENE AT MINOT, N. DAK.

To the ministers, members, and friends in my territory: I take this method of announcing that the convention will soon be here. We are looking for great things. We have many added features this year, to make the convention greater than in former years. The Bible Training School Quartet will
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What Think Ye of Christ?

by Mary Weagraff

God and man combined, the stumblingblock to Israel. The connecting link that had bound man with his Creator had been severed by sin, but God sent His life, His own offspring in the form of man, that they might be brought into unity by Christ. Therefore, God was able thru His mighty hand (Christ) to lift and elevate mankind from his fallen sphere back into favor with his Creator. Surely the finite mind of man cannot fully comprehend the greatness of this Wonderful Being.

What think ye of Christ? Behold Him, look at Him! What do you think of Him? What do you think of Christ? This question was asked by the Lord as the Pharisees were seeking some means of destroying Him, for they received Him not. Why? Because of what they thought of Him. They failed to see the portrait that the prophet Isaiah had so vividly given of Him, saying, "He is a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. We hid as it were our faces from him, we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted, but he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him and by his stripes we are healed." The vision of the Jews concerning their Messiah was not large enough. It covered less than one-third of what it should have. They viewed the Messiah as King only when their vision should have covered Him as Prophet, Priest and King. In reality all in all is to be found in Him. What great blessings of righteousness and peace the Jewish nation lost all because of what they thought of Christ.

Christ the Prophet Like Moses

The word "prophet" in the ordinary Hebrew language is "nabi," derived from a verb signifying "to bubble forth like a fountain," hence the word means one who announces or pours forth the declarations of God. Up until the time of Christ many prophets had arisen declaring the messages of God, making known His declarations both for the then present and future events, but none were to be compared to the prophet from among the brethren of Judah, like unto Moses whom the Lord raised up as Moses had prophesied, Deut. 18:15, saying, "Him shall ye hear," who went about making known the declarations of God, not by words only but also by mighty signs and wonders, revealing to all the love and compassion of God. He had come to declare the will of God in stronger terms than had hitherto been known.

Upon entering His public ministry He read in the presence of the people from the prophecy of Isaiah concerning Himself, saying "Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God." "And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him." The people were amazed at the demonstration of such power and said, "What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he the unclean spirits, and they do obey him." This mighty prophet

had come to declare by works that the devil in all of his forms was under subjection to God, and that it is His will to free all from the clutches of Satan, who will come unto Him for deliverance, in faith believing. Next he encounters the fever demon who had for his victim Peter's wife's mother, and Jesus stood over her and rebuked the fever and it left her, and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. And when the sun was setting all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him and he laid hands on every one of them and healed them, and devils came out of many. A certain man full of leprosy seeing Jesus fell on his face and besought him entreatingly, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." At His touch the leprosy immediately departed for a Prophet with greater power than the worst afflictions of the devil was before him.

The compassion of Jesus is again aroused at the cry of two blind beggars. The people rebuked the blind men but Jesus, at the cry for His help, stopped even a multitude that He might heal the poor, blind, and helpless men who had lived by begging, for had He not come to make known His will, whose love and compassion knew no bound by great or small, rich or poor? Their need was just as important as the rich young ruler whom Jesus loved. The deaf, dumb, those taken with palsy, epilepsy, paralysis, those bowed by spirits of infirmity, the woman with twelve years' issue of blood and the lame man of thirty-eight years' standing, all alike were delivered from the works of the devil upon their minds and bodies. Satan had finished his grimy hand of affliction upon some and the monster of death had claimed their bodies, but had Satan conquered? Nay, not before the mighty power of the

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house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Mic. 4:2, 4.

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EVANGEL DRIVE

Somebody is slowing down for the last few days, and as result we did not keep our quota rate of new subscribers last week as we had done for several weeks. Let us put forth a greater effort this coming week, that we may continue to increase the circulation of the Evangel. Single subscription \$1.25; club of three yearly subscriptions \$1.00 each. See premiums for securing subscriptions elsewhere in this paper.

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS DRIVE

Other churches that have gone over the top in the 40c drive up to and including May 19, 1934: Glen Fork, W. Va.; Elbert, W. Va.; Wilco, W. Va.; Lancaster, Ohio; Dunseith, N. Dak.; Jamboree, Ky.; Yellow Hill, Ky.; Seco, Ky.; Toonigh, Ga.; Jasonville, Ind.; Carbon, Ind.

COPPERHILL DISTRICT CON- VENTION

The Copperhill district convention met with the Etowah Church of God March 9 with J. A. Tarpley, district overseer, in charge. Our state overseer, T. S. Payne, could not be with us on account of the illness of his daughter. After songs, prayer and the welcome address, W. A. Walker preached a soul stirring sermon and an altar service followed, in which one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Worship began at 7:00 p. m. on the 10th, with songs and prayer, after which Brother W. C. Helton led a wonderful praise service. Brother S. O. Minton brought the message which was good.

Sunday morning Brother J. H. Walker brought the message. It was followed by the report of the churches. The saints left for their fields of labor encouraged. — Robert Bell, pastor, Etowah, Tenn.

Notes from The Editor

CHURCHES CLOSED IN MEXICO

We received word from Sister M. W. Atkinson, through our overseer, J. H. Ingram, that more than half of the churches were closed in Mexico a few days ago as a result of official action by government authorities. Our work at Ciudad Obregon is also closed. The building at Nogales has never received permit from authorities to open for service since completion. Please join us in prayer that God may undertake for our work and workers in Mexico.

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WAR AND RUMORS OF WAR

War continues between Bolivia and Paraguay with Britain trying to secure a blockade of arms from belligerent nations. A dispatch from Geneva dated May 17th, states, "Belief that world public opinion will demand that the World Disarmament Conference openly confess its failure was expressed tonight in League of Nations circles," which is now continued with an unbreakable deadlock. It is contended that "an open confession of failure would be better accepted by the world than an attempt to hide it by reporting the conference back to the council." Indeed, whether confession is made to such an extent, it is particularly evident first from its failure to stop wars which have originated between small eastern nations, Japan and China, etc. The failure of the disarmament league is manifested secondly in that ac-

ording to Literary Digest, dated May 19th, "France has increased its fighting force by 65,000 men, which will be continued until a total of 125,000 men have been recruited by conscript."

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GERMANY

Germany has increased her army and navy budget \$100,000,000; and her aviation budget \$56,000,000; with an allotment of \$100,000,000 to the Nazi Storm Troops.

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RUSSIA

Russia has increased her army in the last two years, from 562,000 men to 678,000.

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JAPAN

"Japan in January, 1934, had increased land, naval and air forces by 100,000, to a total of 456,000 in three years."

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ITALY AND POLAND

Italy has added 43,000 to its forces, chiefly in air and naval forces. Poland has increased its army from 280,000 to 341,000; with Switzerland and Great Britain alone reducing the armies, of all European nations.

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PEACE DEFERRED

Until the coming of Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace, Isa. 9:6, and who will slay the wicked by His breath, after whose righteous judgments and instituted reign, "many nations shall come, and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the

DANIEL III

by John Sharpe

In this chapter we have the story of the golden image and the burning fiery furnace. It is a wonderful type foreshadowing the religious conditions at the beginning and the ending of the times of the Gentiles. Pride, because he was the head of gold (ch. 2:37, 38), puffed King Nebuchadnezzar up and caused him to attempt the deification of himself and the unification of the religions of his world empire. In connection with this universal religious worship he makes use of the finest music and the most elaborate and beautiful ceremonies and ritualism, everything possible to please the ear and the eye and to stir up the emotion of the people, but all so hollow and unspiritual because it had no true blood sacrifice, no Savior from sin, no Holy Spirit, no new birth with power to deliver the sinner from his sins. It is a bloodless religion which exalts man and opposes God, putting image worship in the place of the worship of God.

In verse three notice that the king used the police power of his empire to enforce the worship of his bloodless cult, the penalty for nonconforming being to be cast alive into a burning fiery furnace, v. 6. That there were some nonconformists in the days of Nebuchadnezzar we learn from v. 12. Three Hebrew boys who had been taught from the days of their infancy not to bow to any graven image (Ex. 20:5), positively refused to have anything to do with the popular religion of the day. In reply to furious and wrathful queries of the king concerning this, they witness a good confession before him as Jesus did before Pilate (1 Tim. 6:13). This so enraged the king that he immediately commanded that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than usual and that the most mighty men in his army were to bind the boys and cast them into the furnace.

The order was obeyed with such alacrity that they did not take time to remove the clothing from them, and when they came near the furnace to cast them in, the flames were so hot the fire slew those men who did the king's biddings

(a great lesson in retribution here). Right then and there God gave Nebuchadnezzar another vision as he stood watching the execution of his orders. Suddenly a look of astonishment appears on his face as he gazes intently toward the furnace. "Did not we cast three men bound into the fire?" he asks. "Lo, I see four men loose walking in the midst of the fire and they have no hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." So great was the effect of the vision upon Nebuchadnezzar as he saw the fire had no power upon the bodies, nor the clothing of these men, that he at once stepped up near the mouth of the furnace and requested these servants of the most high God to come forth out of the furnace. When those brave, loyal, Hebrew boys stepped out of the fire unharmed, Nebuchadnezzar began to bless the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to bestow honors and rewards upon the boys, after warning the people of his empire to speak nothing amiss against the God of the Hebrews.

That image of Nebuchadnezzar is a type of the abomination of desolation of which Jesus spoke in Matt. 24:15 and of that mentioned in Rev. 11-15. The times of the Gentiles began with image worship and will end with image worship, producing a universal bloodless religion which exalts man and opposes God. It is called in the Bible "the way of Cain" (Jude 11.) This Babylonian Cain cult, irreligious, has a form of godliness denying the power thereof (2 Tim. 3:5) but they wilfully and deliberately ignore the breach which sin had caused between man and his Creator, therefore they bring no sin offering (blood of the Lamb), but one of works. Like Nebuchadnezzar they make use of the finest music obtainable, together with the most beautiful and elaborate ceremonies and ritualism to please the ear and eye and to stir up the emotions of the worshippers, but oh how unsatisfying and powerless it is.

The religious trend of our day, with its numerous and rapidly increasing number of bloodless cults

clearly indicates the near approach of the great universal Antichrist religion of the last days, which will be a combination of apostate Christianity (both papal and Protestant), together with science, new thought, spiritualism, and the oriental pagan religions. The worship of the image mentioned in Rev. 13:11-18 will be a prominent feature of this new religion and the most awful tyranny and persecution is connected with it for those who refuse to conform to its requirements. The apostasy of the middle age was bad enough but it did not deny the virgin birth of Jesus, the efficacy of the blood atonement of Calvary's cross the infallibility of the Bible, and other fundamental truths, as is being done by our modern apostates in these days of religious pride. These latter day Laodiceans know not that they are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked despite their boasted wealth and their need of nothing. They know not of their need of gold tried in the fire (faith, 1 Peter 1:7) and of white raiment (divine righteousness) and of eye salve (Holy Spirit for impartial vision).

The preservation of the Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace is a type of the preservation of the faithful remnant of Israel in the last days, who will pass thru the fiery furnace of affliction called in the Old Testament "Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:1-11) and in the New Testament "the great tribulation" (Matt. 24:21; Rev. 7:14). See also Ezek. 22:17-22; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:1-4. Notice in the Scriptures that they are to be saved out of it; they are to be melted but that will result in the loss of only the dross, after which they will call on the name of the Lord and offer an offering in righteousness which will be accepted by Him. Then they will exclaim like Jacob of old, "When He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold."

When the Hebrew boys were preserved in the midst of Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace Isa. 43:2 was fulfilled, likewise Isa. 54:17. There was a partial fulfillment of these prophecies in the persecution of the early Christians in the days of the Caesars of Rome and in their persecution by pagan and papal Rome in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, but a greater and final fulfillment is yet to

come (upon Israel) in the time of the Antichrist. Some will be miraculously preserved and go safely through the time of trouble (Dan. 12:1) while others will be mar-

tyred, but the martyrs will be raised from the dead and given incorruptible bodies and a martyr's crown. Hallelujah! Praise God forever!

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

VANCEBURG, Ky.—A successful revival closed here last week. We opened a week's prayer meeting which ended with a ten days' revival with eleven saved, four sanctified, four filled with the precious Holy Ghost. The meeting was conducted by Brother Willard Bloomfield assisted by Sister Mary Stapleton and Brother James Everman. The Lord was with us and blessed in every service.—Mrs. Gertrude Carpenter, clerk.

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OKEEFFE, W. Va.—The fire of the revival that was held here from Dec. 1st to the 18th is burning deep in my soul. Brother Elias Stepp opened fire on the enemy, preaching the gospel uncompromisingly. Brother Tom Moore preached three nights and Brother and Sister Messenger from Delbarton gave us some interesting talks. By fasting and praying God gave the victory. Four or five were saved, about three sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. The meeting closed with from fourteen to seventeen in the altar. We observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing the last Sunday night. Several visitors were with us. The power of God came down. I thank the Lord for strengthening me during the revival. Pray for the work here. Our good pastor, Brother Booth, was with us several nights.—Your sister, Mrs. J. C. Varney.

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COFFEYVILLE, Kans.—I thank the Lord for the way He is blessing here. Our church is just a little over a year old but is growing. The Lord sent us a wonderful preacher for our pastor this year, Brother A. R. Martin. His children are all musicians. They surely make music unto the Lord. Two guitars have been added and we are hoping for an orchestra in the future. Sister Martin is a devoted Christian and a real help in the work. Brother Martin is not afraid to declare the whole counsel of God. We have a splendid Sunday

School with a fine superintendent. When Brother Martin came here Nov. 15, 1933 we only had twenty-five or thirty in Sunday School, now we have seventy-six. Brother Martin held a revival at the home church soon after coming here and God greatly blessed. Then he held a revival at South Coffeyville, a small town a few miles south of here, also at Deering, Kans. They organized a Sunday School at Deering last Sunday with forty in attendance. We are praying for some Churches of God to be set in order in the near future. We have very good attendance in our Y.P.E. but we ask you to please pray that the young folks will more of them get saved. We covet your prayers for our building fund. Our church needs some work done on it. The ladies of the church have a missionary meeting started and are doing good work.—Yours for lost souls, Mrs. Emma Zimmer.

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ELKINS, W. Va.—A good revival at Elkins has just closed and the church here is going on for the Lord. The saints seem to have new courage and I believe they are more determined to work. We opened fire on the devil Nov. 15th with Sister Nettie Richards and her son, Brother Roy Richards, in charge. Some were saved, some sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was revived. We surely enjoyed Brother Roy's singing and playing the guitar. We hope they can be with us again. Please pray for the church here and for the pastor.—A. T. Little, pastor.

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PONTIAC, Mich. — Surely the Lord was with us and was well pleased with our home coming here recently. After Sunday School with our superintendent in charge, our pastor, whom we love, took charge. We had songs, prayers, and a wonderful sermon by Brother Spencer Barnard. After lunch we gathered in again and had a

song service and prayer, then Brother Alfred Lowe brought the message. Oh how we did take in the good food that did our souls good. We had good handshakes and there was shouting and praising God. Surely we feel more like traveling on. We had another good sermon on "The Marriage Supper" which made us want to pray more and get closer to God. Pray for us here that God will send a good revival and Michigan will rise and shine for Jesus and the Church of God.—Mason Barnard, 361 Perry St.

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GREAT FALLS, S. C.—We praise God for a three weeks' revival just closed here. Sister Katie Herring and her co-worker, Sister Sophia Rush, were in charge. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and eighteen or twenty were saved, sixteen sanctified, and fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Three were added to the church. We thank the visiting ministers for their cooperation. We appreciate Sister Herring and Sister Rush for their faithful work. Pray for us that the work will prosper and the Lord will continue to bless and give us a church building here. — Your brother in Christ, T. V. McCormick, Lando, S. C.

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MIDDLETOWN, Ohio.—On Nov. 1st Brother D. R. Moreland and daughters began an evangelistic campaign here and continued nearly six weeks. God blessed with a good revival. Thirty-four were saved, eighteen sanctified, fourteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-one united with the church. The church has been wonderfully blessed. God was present in the services, convicting sinners and causing them to seek refuge. The saints were strengthened and took on new courage and zeal. We were glad to have our state overseer, Brother E. Haynes, and wife with us during the meeting. They have been a great blessing to our state. We also appreciate our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Wilson. On Sunday after the revival God came down and blessed so sweetly in the morning service and on Sunday evening about twenty-five rushed to the altar.—One who desires to be a true follower of Jesus, Clara Lewis, 317 Charles St.

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GADSDEN, Ala.—Several weeks
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SIN AND ITS RECOMPENSE

by H. V. MILLER

If those who sin could clearly understand the consequences which inevitably follow the transgression of divine law, there would be less sinning done.

Every sin regardless of its nature or by whom committed will receive its 'just recompense of reward,' as indicated in Hebrews 2:2. "The word spoken * * was steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward * * ." No man can sin with impunity. As the philosopher would put it, there is a law of retribution which returns to every man his just due. Or to use the talk of the day, "You get what is coming to you." The Word of the Lord is specific. "Be not deceived * * * whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

Some years ago the writer was working in a chemistry laboratory. Along with others he had been assigned to an experiment calling for the manufacture of hydrogen gas. Hydrogen is a colorless gas and very explosive. Every member of the class had been duly warned to keep all open flame away from their apparatus. After leaving the generating flask the gas was to be filtered through several jars of water connected together by glass tubing, and finally collected at the end of the apparatus. In this particular case a number of tests were made but no hydrogen was being collected. A report was made to the professor directing the work. To be brief, in order to see if there were any leaks along the line of tubing the instructor lit a match to make the test. An explosion followed which blew the apparatus forcefully to the ceiling and scattered bits of it all over the room. The natural law which governs the explosion of hydrogen gas is no less operative when the match is held by a professor of chemistry. In ordaining natural laws God so arranged the elements that when fire comes in contact with hydrogen gas an explosion will follow—and it does follow regardless of who strikes the match.

The God-ordained law which operates to recompense the sinner for violation and transgression of the divine order of life, always op-

erates. There is an entire disregard for the personalities involved. "He that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done and there is no respect of persons" "with God," Col. 3:25; Rom. 2:11. Whatever men sow they must reap.

There is only one exception, that is in the divine arrangement we call redemption. In this arrangement the guiltless Son of God by substitution received to Himself the just recompense or punishment for the transgressions of all those who by repentance forsake sin and come under the provisions of this plan of salvation. There is a tremendous statement in 2 Cor. 5:21 concerning the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ. "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." What an awe inspiring thought, that Christ, who knew no sin; as He hung on Calvary's cross, had embodied in Himself by substitution, the sins of all who were to be redeemed! God Himself could not look upon the sight, and Jesus in that awful hour, while He momentarily experienced the bitter anguish and desolation of being forsaken, cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me." Matt. 27:46.

The wonder of redemption by the substitution of Christ is set forth in the following song:

In evil long I took delight,
Unawed by shame or fear,
Till a new object met my sight
And stopped my wild career.

I saw One hanging on the tree,
In agony and blood,
Who fixed His dying eyes on me
As near the cross I stood.

Sure never till my latest breath
Can I forget that look;
It seemed to charge me with His death,
Tho' not a word He spoke.

My conscience felt and owned my guilt
And plunged me in despair;
I saw my sins His blood had spilt
And helped to nail Him there.

A second look He gave which said,
I freely all forgive;
This blood was for thy ransom paid,
I DIED THAT THOU MAYEST LIVE.

Oh, the Lamb, the bleeding Lamb,
The Lamb of Calvary.
The Lamb that was slain but liveth again,
To intercede for me!

With the single exception which is offered through redemption the sinner must always reap what he sows. If there could have been any other way of salvation, Almighty God would never have permitted His beloved Son to be exposed to the seduction of Satan, the cruelty of man and to the wrath of His own abhorrence to sin. The justice of God demanded a settlement for violation of His law and in order that He might be just, and yet be the justifier of the redeemed, Christ took the sinner's guilt upon Himself and paid the penalty justice demanded. Oh, wondrous love!

The prophet Ezekiel was a spokesman for God. To him God said, "Son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness. Neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live, if he trust to his own righteousness and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it." Ezekiel 33:12-13.

Judgment is not always speedily executed upon the transgressor. Neither is righteousness fully rewarded immediately. Time effaces the memory of violations of divine law but forgotten sin is not forgiven sin. "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment and some men they follow after." 1 Tim. 5:24, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13. Seed that is sown may

lie dormant for a time, but in its season it is quickened to growth and brings forth its fruitage. Sin works like certain poisons which enter the body in mild doses and seem to work no ill effect until the tissues and powers of life are suddenly discovered to be broken down. There is first the planting; the harvest follows in its season. "Be sure your sin will find you out." Num. 32:23.

A certain infidel wrote to the editor of a country newspaper who was a Christian. "Sir," he said, "I understand that you are an exponent of the Christian faith. In order to test the accuracy of Christian teaching I have undertaken an experiment. Last spring I set aside a certain piece of land. I selected it on Sunday, I plowed it on Sunday, I sowed the seed on Sunday, I tilled it on Sunday, and reaped the harvest on Sunday. Thus I violated the Christians Holy Day in everything connected with my crop, and on the first of October I found that this piece of my land had yielded me a better increase than any other section of my farm. How can you explain this result? The reply of the Christian editor was brief and to the point, "Dear Sir, God does not settle His accounts on the first day of October."

God makes "His sun to shine on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Matt. 6:45.

It is true, there have been many examples of speedily executed judgment — examples to continually remind us of the law of recompense. The Egyptians were plagued for their oppression of Israel (Ex. 9:14); the earth opened and swallowed Korah for his rebellion (Num. 16:32); Gehazi was smitten with leprosy because of his covetousness, 2 Kings 5:27; Saul became possessed with an evil spirit because of his self-will (2 Sam. 18); Herod was eaten of worms because he did not give God glory (Acts 12:23). Instances of a sudden visitation of judgment could be mentioned in numbers. Yet, for the most part a full recompense is deferred to an appointed day of judgment. God "hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness," Acts 17:31. "It is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment," Heb. 9:27.

The present day interventions of

God in favoring the righteous and punishing the guilty are only portents or reminders that there exists a law of recompense, and that there is a day of judgment to come. They are by no means a final or complete meting out of justice.

Constantine the Great, in the fourth century, held as his philosophy of life, that all that is permitted is right. If men are rich they are rightfully rich, if they become kings it is right for them to become kings. He thought that regardless of what means men used to advance themselves, "Whatever God allowed to be successful bore the stamp of His approval, inasmuch as it would not have been permitted unless it were right." Such an outlook on life is common among those who by fair means or foul have prospered in their affairs. This is heathen philosophy, not Christianity. The Gospel teaches that it is largely the poor of the earth that are rich in faith (Jas. 2:15), the meek who will inherit the earth (Matt. 5:5), and the things that 'are not' which have been chosen of God to set at naught the things that are (1 Cor. 1:18). The oppressed and the downtrodden will be on top in the time that the Lord turns "the ways of the wicked upside down." Ps. 146:9. The greed and service with which man has exploited man will be brought at last before God for righteous judgment and a great deal of the 'success' in which men have prided themselves will appear in its true light and receive its just compensation in that day. "Men of corrupt minds, * * * supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." 1 Tim. 6:15.

As the kodak impresses upon its sensitive film an exact reproduction of the scene before it in every careful detail, so an exact record is being kept of every man's life with complete and perfect accuracy. Not deeds alone but the very thoughts and intents of the heart are being included in the great photograph of life. "There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid that shall not be known." Matt. 10:26.

Every sin will soon or later receive its "just recompense of reward." Heb. 2:2, "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12:24.

STATE MEETINGS

KENTUCKY STATE CONVENTION

Somerset, Ky., May 24-27
John C. Jernigan, Overseer
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MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION

Detroit, Mich., May 28-31
D. G. Phillips, Overseer
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WEST VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

Salem, W. Va., May 31-June 3
H. N. Scoggins, Overseer
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FLORIDA STATE CAMP MEETING

Wimauma, Fla., June 7-17
E. W. Williams, Overseer
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VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

Roanoke, Va., June 8-10
I. H. Brabson, Overseer
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INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

Shelburn, Ind., June 22-24
C. H. Standifer, Overseer
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ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION

Eldorado, Ill., June 15-17
T. L. McLain, Overseer
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NORTHWEST CONVENTION

Minot, N. Dak., June 30-July 8
Paul H. Walker, Overseer
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MONTANA STATE CAMP MEETING

Big Timber, Mont., July 8-13
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MONTANA STATE CONVENTION

Big Timber, Mont., July 13-15
Robert R. Seyda, Overseer
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S. C. CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

Greenville, S. C., July 18-29
H. L. Whittington, Overseer
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ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

Pratt City, Ala., July 19-22
W. W. Harmon, Overseer
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OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING

Maud, Okla., July 27
OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION
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Maud, Okla., Aug. 3-5
S. J. Wood, Overseer
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NORTHERN STATES CONVENTION—(Colored)

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 20-26
G. Byrd, Overseer

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OFF FOR THE LAND OF THE AZTECS, THE MAYAS AND TOLTECS

On board the "Golden State Limited," En Route to Guatemala, C. A., May 14, 1934

Dear Evangel readers: After some delay on account of my wife having been injured in an auto accident, I am off on my trip to the Guatemalan republic in Central America. The train on which I am beginning my trip will take me to the Arizona-Mexico border, six hundred miles' distance. There I change to the Southern Pacific of Mexico, which will take me down the Pacific coast about eight hundred miles, then turning east we cross the continental mainland of Mexico to Vera Cruz on the Atlantic side, visiting Mexico City en route. From Vera Cruz we gradually travel southwest to a point near the Pacific again, where we cross the Suchate River into Central America. Once we are in the Republic of Guatemala, we turn Southeast again to the shore of the Caribbean Sea. The farthest point reached will be between three and four thousand miles from my home in Southern California. The trip requires around six days and nights' traveling by fastest train, but I will spend about three weeks en route as I have to stop for meetings in a number of places, including the mission headquarters at Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, and the new church at Mazatlan in the State of Sinaloa. We are faced with a serious problem these days in trying to reach new fields with the gospel. "We have waited almost too long," as the communistic enclined authorities are beginning to offer opposition to the gospel in almost every nation.

Speaking of the communists and their efforts to eliminate God from the world program, we are facing a more serious problem than the average layman is capable of conceiving of, and there are a lot of things we are obliged to withhold from the paper, when it comes to personal reference, for fear we may hinder rather than help the

cause. I remember when the great navy dirigible, "Akron," sailed majestically thru the skies and what an imposing scene it was as this "Queen of the Skies" circled over my home, but the scene changed when she went forth to battle the elements and met with defeat, and I can imagine the pandemonium that reigned aboard when the command went forth, "Stand by for a crash," which was followed by the sudden plunge into the sea, carrying all the crew to their death excepting three members. If you have never contacted the godless hordes, "stand by for a crash," for it is coming.

A few weeks ago when the great U. S. battleship fleet of a hundred or more ships sailed proudly out of the Long Beach-Los Angeles harbor, one Captain Smyth of the U. S. S. Tennessee, proudly and efficiently maneuvered his great ship of war into line as they streamed away. He was a kindly and efficient captain, as the report goes. He bade wife and friends good-bye. A short time later word came that the "captain" had died aboard ship and his body had been "consigned to Davy Jones' locker" (buried at sea). We may crash into or collide with the elements and possibly lose a few members of the crew, but Jesus, the Captain of the old ship of Zion, will land us safely in port.

You will be hearing from me again, D. V., keeping you informed of my progress, and I expect to be able to gather much helpful information with reference to a vanished civilization anti-dating ours, and to which the Aztecs, Toltecs and Mayas attained. Don't miss a copy of the paper. If you are not taking the Evangel, it might be a good time to subscribe. Your goodwill ambassador to Latin-America, J. H. Ingram.

SPECIAL

SPRAGUE, W. Va.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Glen Fork. The enemy pressed us hard but God gave us victory. The last night of the meeting we made a drive for the forty cent quota and it was wonderful how the peo-

ple responded. The praise belongs to God. This is my first experience in pastoral work but I want to prove true to God and the Church. I am willing indeed to do all I can. The church at Pax with about twenty active members responded with over fifty per cent of their quota. I ask you to pray earnestly for me that I will ever be faithful to my King.—Yours in His service, James E. Green.

DEATH NOTICES

PETERSON

Our beloved brother and uncle, Joseph Peterson, was born Oct. 12, 1856 and died May 3, 1934. In a little holiness prayer meeting he made preparation to meet God. The funeral was preached by Rev. J. B. Weeks after which his body was laid to rest in the Lone Hill cemetery.—One who loved him, Mrs. A. Peterson, West Green, Ga.

FRANKLIN

Sister Ophelia Franklin passed away just before her sixty-fourth birthday, on May 4, 1934. She lived a faithful life from every standpoint. She had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. She was the wife of Brother J. A. Franklin who is a deacon of the Church of God at Pratt City, Ala. Brother W. W. Harmon, our overseer, conducted the funeral, assisted by her pastor, Brother A. L. Burroughs.—Lottie Baird.

HICKS

Little Johnnie Sylvia Hicks, seventeen months old son of Brother and Sister Johnnie Hicks of Liberty, Ala., died March 6, 1934. Funeral was conducted by J. A. Tant and interment was made in the cemetery near Liberty, Ala.—A brother and friend of the family, J. A. Tant, Baileytown, Ala.

NELSON

John Henry Nelson, Brownfield, Tex., was born April 11, 1876 and died April 28, 1934, at the age of fifty-eight years and seventeen days. He was saved in the Baptist church but later believed in the Church of God. Funeral was conducted by Brother Reuben H. Martin at the Church of God and interment was made in the Forest cemetery.—A daughter, Mrs. Dolly Horn.

CONVENTIONS

SIXTH DIST. CONVENTION, NORTH CAROLINA

The sixth district convention of North Carolina convened at Kannapolis, March 16-18 and was wonderful, to say the least. Brother John L. Stephens was present. Bro. H. G. Sheeks, local assistant pastor, gave the welcome address and every one felt welcome. Response was given by Sister Nezzie Mae Mercer. Brother Hand, pastor at Thomasville, brought the message, Brother Geo. Ramsuer also brought a message which was wonderful. After a song another brother preached a sermon that was truly worth hearing. Our state overseer then made some remarks. We surely appreciate Bro. Stephens. Brother Ray Collins brought a discourse which was enjoyed.

Saturday morning after congregational singing the Dunn children from Gastonia rendered two duets. Next were questions of interest which proved quite interesting as well as educational. Ministers' hour followed, Brother Stephens being in charge. After prayer Bro. Stephens read a scripture lesson and addressed the ministers. Bro. W. M. Stallings brought the message which was one of the most interesting of the convention. A song was rendered by Brother Holcomb. In the afternoon we had report of churches. Y. P. E. hour followed the opening of the evening service. This was a wonderful hour and the power was manifested greatly. Brother Johnson and Brother John Stallings brought the messages and they were greatly enjoyed. An altar call was given and several seekers came.

Sunday School was not lengthy Sunday morning but was followed by Sunday School boosting by the writer. Messages to the church were brought by Sister Lindsay and Brother Farmer. Brother Tedder boosted the Evangel and subscriptions were taken. Next was a collection for missions and then farewell remarks by Brother Stephens. We feel that God set His approval on this gathering together of His people. We are looking forward to the next convention. The success was due largely to the untiring efforts of our beloved dis-

trict pastor, Brother J. M. Snyder. The sixth district covets your prayers.—K. A. Price, clerk of convention.

MT. VERNON, TEX. DISTRICT CONVENTION

The convention of the Mt. Vernon district which convened Mar. 9-11 was one of the best ever held there. The presence of the Lord was felt in every service. Every one seemed to enjoy the blessings and several were at the altar every night. The convention started Friday night with songs and prayer. The welcome address was given by the pastor, Brother Beasley, which made us feel welcome. Brother W. M. Kile from Paris gave the response. We had a real good praise service after which Brother Onery McBride brought us a good sermon.

Saturday morning found many back for the morning service. The Lord blessed in this service. Brother Coats, our overseer, brought the message which was greatly enjoyed. In the evening we had Bible study which was enjoyed by all. At seven-thirty the house was full and the Lord still blessing. After some real good singing we had a fiery testimony service. Brother Olen Crow of Overton then brought us a message.

Sunday morning we were back feeling good in our souls. After songs and prayer and a special number by Sister Artie Pole a mission talk was given by Brother Oscar Gregory followed by a message by Brother Coats. We were then invited to feast from a nice dinner fixed by the good sisters. In the afternoon service after songs and prayer we had a short talk on Sunday School by Sister Hargraves followed by a talk on evangelism by Brother Pole. We had representation of the churches. Each pastor reported victory and the churches moving on to the front. At seven-thirty we were back praising the Lord in songs and prayer. A praise service was conducted by Brother McBride. Brother H. N. Bridges brought us a message which was greatly enjoyed. Then came the time to say goodbye until we meet again.—One who greatly enjoyed the convention, Etta Rae Woodall, Rt. 2, Marshall, Tex.

DIST. CONVENTION, SEBEWA, MICH.

The Church of God at Sebewa and many others from other parts of this great State of Michigan have surely enjoyed another great feast at Father's table, for we have had another district convention at the Church of God at Sebewa, March 9-11.

The meeting started Friday evening with a very large helping of this feast of good things from the Lord. Heaven's spout was open. Sister R. E. Justin gave the welcome address. We were glad to be there and glad to have others there to worship and fellowship together. The responses were given by Brothers Sedelmaier, Glenn Maguire and Brother Fred Zankelies. Such singing, such music, such praying, such praising God, such preaching, and such a good feeling down in our souls! The half can never be told. Praise God for His goodness. Brother Skinner brought the message. Besides the piano we had about a dozen stringed instruments and then the congregation joined in with their ten stringed instruments (clapping hands). We had "Harry the Drummer" from Pontiac with us and what music we did have. Those of you who heard Brother Harry at the last General Assembly or in meetings in Michigan will know that we surely had much good music.

Saturday morning we assembled again to enjoy the rich blessings that God favors His people with. The mighty singing and praying from a multitude of people who have their hearts full of this great salvation surely is soul inspiring to a closer walk with God. We had a message by Brother A. O. Anderson and one by Brother C. R. Cook. We had singing by trios and quartets. In the afternoon God was well pleased with His children coming together for He set His approval upon the convention with messages, interpretations, signs, and wonders. We were blessed with a message by Brother Maguire. The evening service opened with the Y. P. E. in charge. After the Y. P. E's. of the different churches favored us with talks, special singing and music, we enjoyed very helpful instructions and encouragement concerning the Y. P. E. by Brother Harry Bernard. Brother D. G. Phillips, our state overseer, preached on the Church.

which was a big spread and rich meat.

Sunday morning we received an inspiring talk on Sunday School by our state Sunday School superintendent, Brother Eddie Duberry. Sister Phillips gave us a good talk on the Evangel and a number of subscriptions were taken. Brother M. L. Lowe brought to us what God says about tithes and offerings. Then we enjoyed a song by Brother Phillips and children. We are glad to have Brother and Sister Phillips and their family with us in Michigan. In the afternoon we were greatly blessed with a message by Sister Bernard. Sunday night only a few delegates remained but we surely enjoyed the message brought by Brother C. R. Cook who has been helping in special meetings before and after the convention. This ends another great convention here in which God met with us. We are now looking with greater expectancy for that great home gathering with Jesus in the air. We thank all those who helped to make this convention a success.—John D. Zankelies.

NOTICES

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be with us. Yes, and another quartet, the Olson Quartet of Mobridge, S. Dak., will be with us. We expect the best singing we've ever had and the best that can be had, at this convention. You will also be glad to know that Brother Latimer will be with us and we are planning on Brother J. H. Walker. We will also have a real camp this year. We are about to secure a ten acre tract of land for a permanent camp. The deal will be closed soon no doubt. Get a tent and come to camp. That will be cheaper. There will be lots of parking and camping space and lots of shade among the big trees. Everything will be arranged to the best advantage for your convenience. The first service will begin at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, June 30, and continue thru July 8. Begin preparing now to come. Committees will be on the job. All will be well organized so every one can be pleased. Remember, preachers, we are expecting you to come saying that you have sent in your 40c quota on the general indebtedness, so the preacher who takes your place will not have to raise the money twice. There will be several changes this year and we

want all matters pertaining to the general indebtedness in the local churches cleared up. We are going over the top 100 per cent for the last time, as far as this general debt is concerned. We will soon have the posters and programs out. We are looking for all of you. Do not disappoint us. Last year's convention was the best ever in many respects, in this country. But we have high hopes for better this year. Come prayed up. We want to see great numbers receive the Holy Ghost this year. Say, I feel the glory now. I am anxious. The State of Minnesota will be represented by Brother D. C. Boatwright as he is the overseer. This will be arranged as a specialty on the program.—Your brother, Paul H. Walker, overseer of state.

If any one knows the whereabouts of Brother E. M. Horn, please notify me at once.—John H. McDowell, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 7, Warrenton, N. C.

The Church of God at Cherokee Falls, S. C. will have a mission rally the first Sunday in June and we are looking forward to a feast of soul food for we always invite the Father, Son and Holy Ghost in every service. We invite every pastor in this district and all neighboring districts. Come and bring others from your churches and bring well filled baskets for dinner at the church. All who are friends to Jesus be sure to bring a liberal offering for the mission cause. We are hoping that our beloved state overseer, Brother Whittington, will be with us that day. Don't forget the date, June 3.—Horace Lee Taylor, clerk.

A great revival has just closed in Akron, Ohio, with Brother Earl Paulk in charge. Twenty-four were saved, ten sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church. Brother Paulk made many friends while here and we enjoyed having him and his good wife and children in our home. We hope to have them back sometime.—E. O. Sells, pastor.

The Jesup district camp meeting will convene at Blantons Grove church, June 15-25, D. V., with Brother Clyde C. Cox in charge. We invite all the neighboring churches. Come one and all and be with us. Pray that God will make this

meeting a success.—John J. Floyd, district pastor.

Our revival of five weeks closed Sunday night. Two received the Holy Ghost and three came into the church. Brother W. H. Black, our pastor, Brother Horatio Mitchell, and Brother Dewey Adams were in charge. We had a wonderful service Mother's Day. Please pray for us at Rome. We want to be like Gideon's three hundred — strong.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. W. B. Freeman, Rome, Ga.

NOTICE! Y. P. E.

So many young people are anxious to get new ideas, helps and suggestions. I have found some great treasures in the little book "Consolation for the Tempted and Tried," compiled by my aunt, (Alda B. Harrison), so I wish to pass the idea on.

This little book is not only a great comfort to read while seated at home, but share it with others. I find the good poems are very helpful in a Y. P. E. program, either read or recited. Select one that will be on the same line of the leader's subject and let others take part thus. The poem "In the School of Sorrow" I find makes a very touching musical reading, to be recited as the pianist softly plays "In the Garden." Order these from Sister Harrison. They are 25c each.

Then too, I have a few of my dialogues "Endeavor by the Fireside" left. They furnish a nice missionary program. Please order four at 10c each—one for each main character; enclose 6c in stamps for mailing four—total for four copies 46c. Send cash with order.—Mrs. Vivian Bloomingdale, 22 Hanover, St., Boston, Mass.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST AND ITS EVIDENCE

By Paul H. Walker

This is a nice little book consisting of 28 pages. It should be bought in large quantities and distributed in evangelistic meetings and communities everywhere. 10c single copy, 30c per dozen, 25 copies for 50c, \$2.00 per hundred. These should retail at 5c each. Order of Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.

~:~ Sunday School Lesson ~:~

LESSON 10

JUNE 3

JESUS IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

TEXT: Matt. 26:31-46. — MEMORY VERSE: John 6:38.

TIME: Late Thursday night and early Friday of Christ's last week.

PLACE: The garden of Gethsemane and vicinity.

GOLDEN TEXT: And he went forward a little, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.—Matt. 26:39.

LEADING THOUGHT: The way to strength and victory is thru submission to the divine will of God.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE DISCIPLES WARNED

V. 31. "Then saith Jesus unto them," Probably uttered in the upper chamber, Luke 22:31-35; John 13:36-38. "All ye shall be offended because of me this night." The reference is to the eleven who had been steadfast hertofore. Judas was now gone to betray Him. "For it is written." A reference to Zech. 13:7. "I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad." In Zechariah Jesus was referred to as the shepherd who was about to be smitten, which caused His own beloved disciples to stumble and to be temporarily scattered.

V. 32. "But after I am risen again." He never forgets to comfort His own. He therefore tells of His resurrection after which He would again meet them. "I will go before you into Galilee." The eastern shepherds always went before their flocks, never driving them. As the Shepherd of His flock He preceded them, Jno. 10:4. See for fulfillment Mark 6:7; John 21; Acts 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:6.

HIS DISCIPLES PROMISE ALLE- GIANCE

V. 33. "Peter answered and said unto him." Peter, the bold, outspoken and impetuous Peter, uttered perhaps the feeling of the remaining disciples. "Though all men shall be offended because of thee." Peter contrasted himself with his fellow disciples. Though all others should fall away, he at any rate would remain steadfast. "Yet will I never be offended."

V. 34. "Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee." According to Luke 22:31 our Lord rebuked Peter, adding that Satan had desired "that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not," that, "this day, before the cock crow (Mark 14:30 adds "twice"), thou shalt deny me thrice." "Cocks were unclean birds and not kept by strict Jews. Their voice was not much heard in Jerusalem. One of the watches, known as "cock-crow," was about three a. m., Mark 13:35." About that time Peter denied that he knew anything about Christ, Mark 14:66, 72; Luke 22:34.

V. 35. "Peter said unto him." Perhaps vehement, Mark 14:31. "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee." He felt that he would not. It takes

more than determination to sustain us in time of trial. It will be remembered that Christ "offered Himself through the eternal Spirit." "Likewise said also all the disciples." If determination had been consecration and strength, none of them would have forsaken Him.

JESUS IN GETHSEMANE

V. 36. "Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane." Probably passing through the Sheep Gate, now known as St. Stephen's gate, at the north of the temple. They descended a steep bank of the brook Kedron at the foot of the Mount of Olives, then ascending the slope of Olivet, a little way over to where was the garden into which He entered, in which was an oil press. "And saith unto his disciples, Sit ye here while I go and pray yonder." His disciples remained at the entrance of the olive yard that they might not behold the beginning of their desolation. Their faith and love was not equal to the strain. There are times when a soul in agony must be alone with God, when every one else is excluded. This was particularly the method of the high priestly work in the Holy of Holies. If we would enter there, all else must be shut out. Jesus often resorted to this particular spot in Gethsemane, John 18:2.

V. 37. "And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee." That is, James and John. These had been privileged to behold His transfiguration, the glimpse of which perhaps strengthened them to behold His terrible suffering. These seem to be a kind of inner circle of the twelve. "And began to be sorrowful and very heavy." To be sore dismayed. The word signified an unexpected calamity. St. Mark tells us that Christ was sore amazed as if the prospect of what was coming, suddenly opened to His vision, overwhelmed Him. He was made conscious of His human sufferings.

THE AGONY OF CHRIST

V. 38. "Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." He speaks of the mental agony which He was enduring and this He did not hide from the faithful three. It was perhaps not all the thoughts of physical suffering or pain. All the circumstances that led to His passion were to be considered. He who knew no sin was now to be made sin for the human race. What it all embodied or meant we know not.

"Tarry ye here and watch with me." In this dark hour His human soul longed for the comfort and presence of friends.

THE FIRST PRAYER

V. 39. "And he went a little farther, and fell on his face." A little farther into the wood beneath the gloomy shadow of the trees. St. Luke states, "about a stone's cast from them." Here He prostrated Himself on the ground in utter abasement and agony, yet in submission to His Father's will. Here should be read Heb. 5:7, 8. "And prayed, saying, My Father." Only here and in John 17 does Christ so address the Father. "St. Mark has, 'Abba Father,' as if He spake of the Hebrew race and the Gentile world." "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me." If there was any other way in which man might be saved and glorified He preferred to escape the fate and cup of death, "Nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt." In this prayer the will of His human life which desired to escape death is manifest as is also the will of the divine, subjecting itself unto the will of God. Thus He became the Captain of our salvation and was made perfect through sufferings, having learned obedience by the things which He suffered, Heb. 2:10; 5:8.

V. 40. "And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep." After arising from prayer. The comfort His human nature desired, which they might have rendered, they denied Him. St. Luke adds, "The disciples were sleeping for sorrow." This they might have averted to an extent by prayer as they were commanded to watch in verse 38. The day had been a trying one, involving much fatigue in preparing for the Passover supper. "And saith unto Peter." He had pledged himself to be last of those who would be offended. "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" The agony in the garden may have lasted only for an hour or it may have signified the time of the entire trial.

V. 41. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." Watchfulness sees the temptation coming. Prayer is a Christian duty and provides means by which we may escape temptation or be able to withstand it. Persons properly watching and engaged in prayer may avoid much temptation. The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak. Their spirits were all pledged to Him, ready to suffer with Him, and not to deny Him. But the flesh was too weak to support the desire of the spirit, therefore prayer was an urgent necessity that the human spirit might be strengthened by the Holy Spirit. After the day of Pentecost the disciples who fled from Him when arrested, all made good their pledge and were crucified and put to death in divers manners, remaining steadfast unto the end.

THE SECOND PRAYER

V. 42. "He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass from me, except I drink it, thy will be done." St. Matthew gives the words of the second prayer which differs from the first. Christ considereth that now the possibility of

the cup passing away was no longer permissible, therefore He accepts the cup and His human will concurred in the divine will.

V. 43. "And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy." Though craving their sympathy, but more especially concerned about their safety under temptation. The word used for heavy means "weighted down with drowsiness of sleep until," as Mark adds, "Neither wist they what to answer him."

THE THIRD PRAYER

V. 44. "And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words." His prayer was one of repetition. He had warned His disciples that they were not heard for their much speaking. There are times when our prayers cannot be changed because of the condition from which they arise. We learn by example from Him that we should be urgent, instant in supplication, and though our request be denied, that we must be sure we are heard and that the answer

will be given by preparing us to submit to God's will in the matter.

V. 45. "Then cometh he to his disciples." The struggle of His own will against the divine will in accepting the cup of death was one. At His first return He reproved them; at His second He held His peace; at the third He bids them rest. "And saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest." Their denial of sympathy may have added to His sorrow but He maintains the original composure of a servant. "I came not to be ministered unto but to minister." "Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners." He classed all those who took part in His apprehension, trial, and death, as sinners. Not the Romans only (Acts 2:23), but priests, elders, and the multitude, joined in the crowd and shared the guilt.

V. 46. "Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me." We should notice His true calmness and courage as an example of how we should act under trial.

REQUESTS

Dear readers, please pray earnestly for me that I might be sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. When I read in the Evangel reports of revivals held in other places I feel that I cannot stay here much longer if some real Church of God minister doesn't come and hold a meeting. I'm praying that God will send some one soon that we might have a meeting like they did at Cornelius' house in Acts 10. I know He hears and answers prayer. None of my people see the light yet I have faith in God and know He will reward us openly for our prayers. My husband believes as I do and I'm so thankful. Please help me earnestly pray that God will send a real Church of God minister into this community that these good people might dig down deeper to the solid rock and that our lamps may be trimmed of the doctrines of men and be filled with the precious Holy Ghost oil when Jesus comes for His Bride.—Mrs. Walter Daughdrill, Rt. 2, Kenner, Ala.

The Church of God at Bangor, Me. requests special prayer for the revival which begins at once. God is moving, saints are on fire, conviction is strong.—Leslie Hesketh, pastor.

I am the only one here who belongs to the Church of God. This is a very wicked place. Please pray

for me that God will help me walk close to Him.—A brother in Christ, Horace G. Deering, Ranger, W.Va.

We are in a battle here at Hiawasee, Ga. so please help us pray. We have one of the best pastors in the Church of God, Brother E. A. Davenport. Pray that we may soon have a church building as we have to have services in a small room, but the Lord blesses in a wonderful way.—A sister, Oma Garrett.

Please pray for Mrs. Carrie Parsons of Akron, Ohio, as she has a disease that is incurable by physicians.

Dear saints everywhere, we are calling on you to pray for an outpouring of the latter rain in the State of Arizona. Brother Tapley has a tent pitched in Phoenix and God is already blessing. We have been praying that God would send us some Church of God ministers from the Eastern States to help us fight the enemy. We welcome any true blue Church of God person. Come and help us. We are expecting God to answer prayer and save precious souls.—A sister, Sallie Mull, Rt. 9, Box 167, Phoenix, Ariz.

I was stricken with typhoid fever early in February and God has healed me and I am able to go some, yet my feet and legs hurt me. I ask special prayer that God will heal me. I set the church in order here some time ago and we

have a church building almost finished. If any one wants a revival, I am ready for calls.—A. P. Farmer, Davenport, Va.

We ask all to pray that God will give us a good Church of God in Kalamazoo, Mich. Brother and Sister Carl Hughes and Sisters Ruth Rice and Lane held a meeting there and four were saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The work had gone down but God blessed in a wonderful way. There is no Church of God there but we expect to get one after the Michigan convention. Pray for the little band of workers.—A member, Flint, Mich.

Dear saints, please pray with me that the Lord will direct me and restore to me the joys of salvation.—Mrs. Bertha Snipes, Clovis, N. Mex.

I ask that the saints of God everywhere pray for the healing of my body. I have a bad lung trouble. Remember me in prayer.—Your sister, Lizzie Wright, Rt. 2, Altoona, Ala.

Please pray for the healing of a sister here, also for an affliction of mine.—Yours in Him, Ollie May Hammond, Sevierville, Tenn.

I am requesting prayer for my sister who has T. B. and is in the Missouri sanatorium. She says she has gotten back to the Lord.—Mrs. Florence Galey, Dudley, Mo.

I thank the Lord for salvation and the many times He has healed my body. A few months ago He healed me of neuralgia from which I had suffered for years. I failed to testify of it and have had it a few times since but I am trusting Him to completely heal me. Please pray for me.—Your faithful brother, Jack Pauk, Dodd City, Tex.

Dear saints everywhere, pray for me. I got hurt Dec. 22nd. I got my back broken in two places and suffer in my head from my spine. I have been in the hospital and am in a cast. If Brother and Sister Johnson sees this, pray for me for you know how any one feels in a cast. I ask the prayers of all that I may be healed and that I may get back to the Lord. Brother Teague, don't forget me.—Frank Ammons, Ripley, Tenn., Rt. 5.

I am requesting prayer for the healing of my body. My nerves seem to be completely gone down on me. I know that our God is able to heal me if it is His precious will. I believe with all my heart He will heal me. Also pray for my daughter who suffers a great deal with her back. We both have the Holy Ghost and are doing our best to serve God in the beauty of holiness. My husband is unsaved and I ask that you please pray for God to save his soul.—Mrs. Mary Ann Elton, Oconee, Ga.

To my many friends in the great Church of God, this is to let you know I am still doing the work my hands find to do. I am sixty-two and have been in bad health for some time though I am better. I work with those I chance to meet around home and at prayer meeting. How happy to walk with God! Pray for me.—Mrs. Eliza Kendall, evangelist, Rosine, Ky.

Dear saints, pray for us at this place that we will win the victory over the enemy. Pray a special prayer for our son, Woodrow R. Smith, as we do not know where he is. Pray that God will bring him back home.—A s'ster under the blood, Mrs. Silas D. Smith, St. George, W. Va.

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I am in a serious condition and do not know what the trouble is. I would like to receive letters from any of the saints in Louisiana where I have preached.—Your brother in Jesus, C. F. Hollandsworth, Needham, Ala.

Please pray for Sister Wadkins who belongs to the church here. She is very old and is sick. Also pray for me. I'm still trusting God for my whole body and soul.—Your sister, Mary Lynch, 104 2nd St., Thomaston, Ga.

Please pray for me to be true to the Lord. I have been appointed superintendent of Sunday School and also play the organ for the church but I have great opposition in serving the Lord. I mean to hold up the standard so pray for me.—A sister, Mrs. Harriet M. Cayton, 708 W. 3rd St., Washington, N. C.

Please pray for my husband's hip. It has been troubling him for

some time. Pray that his faith will be increased.—Gypsie Chapman, Nolan, W. Va.

I request prayer for my little sister. The doctors have given her up but we know God is able to heal

so please pray earnestly.—Thos. Evans.

A revival will begin at Kimberly, Ala., May 27 with Brother Carl Richard in charge, D. V. Everybody pray that souls will be saved. —Thos. Evans.

What Think Ye of Christ?

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Prophet of Galilee who delivered Lazarus, the only brother of the beloved family of Bethany, the ruler's only daughter, and the widow's only son, from the bonds of death and set them free.

The bodily needs not being the greater, He hastens on from place to place as the eager throngs desired Him to stay with them, saying, "I must needs preach the gospel to other cities also for this am I come." Realizing that the time for the fulfillment of His office as prophet was nearing its close, He set His face towards Jerusalem, saying that "it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem," and weeping over the city of His people who had rejected Him, He exclaimed, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killeth the prophets and stoneth them that are sent unto thee; how oft would I have gathered thy children together as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, but ye would not! Behold your house is left unto you desolate, and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

On into Jerusalem He went. His fame had spread afar and eager throngs went forth to meet Him, singing, "Hosanna in the highest." The fear of the Pharisees was expressed, saying, "Behold the world is gone after Him." Would not the great Prophet, unexcelled in power, now march on to victory and deliver them from all their ills? The eager hearts of His disciples questioned, "Wilt thou restore again the kingdom to Israel?" I can imagine a picture of the lone way to Calvary was brought to the man of sorrows, that caused Him to seek the garden of Gethsemane where in solitude He might have a long and earnest conversation with His Father, at the end of which He said, "Not my will but thine be

done." He would not at that time become the King of the universe, but would fill the office of priest first. He would not reign over a habitation defiled by sin BUT WOULD FIRST PUT AWAY SIN. The God of this world would continue His kingdom until redemption's price was paid and judgment unto victory is set up. The Word hath declared, "A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, until he send forth judgment unto victory." Matt. 12:20. He also said unto Philip and Andrew, "Except a grain of wheat die it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit." St. John 12:24. His disciples, slow of understanding, were soon to be greatly disappointed because this wonderful Prophet whom they had learned to love so well, was soon to leave this world and go back to the Father, for they trusted that this was He that should have in their day redeemed Israel.

(To be continued)

SPECIAL

MILTON, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful revival which started Nov. 2nd and ended Dec. 10th, conducted by Brother T. J. Meade, our pastor. This was the best revival I was ever in. The Lord manifested His power in a wonderful way. We appreciate the help we had from other places. Sisters Harriet Legg and Nannie Ruth Bowles were with us some and preached many inspiring sermons and Brother H. N. Scoggins, our state overseer, was with us several nights and preached a good sermon. We thank God for the new place we have to worship in. Several were saved, sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. We think lots of Brother and Sister Meade. Pray for this place that it will grow and prosper for God. —Your sister in Christ, Olive Worley.

SPECIALS

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ago Brother Earl Brewer came to Gadsden and held a tent meeting. The Lord gave many souls for his hire. He preached the clean, pure, unadulterated gospel. The large congregations were held spell-bound and old time conviction took hold of the people inasmuch that the altar was filled, and some left because of conviction. The next night they would come back and fall in the altar, pray and cry until God came to their rescue and they would shout and dance under the power of God. I am not able to describe this revival and what it meant to the community, especially to the church at Altoona. We thank the Lord for the valuable help that came to our rescue and helped to win the battle. Messages and interpretations were given. The meeting ran four weeks. Thirty-nine were saved, twenty-two filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-two added to the church. Please pray for us.—A brother, J. A. Lindsay, Altoona, Ala.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va.—A battle against the devil began at New Martinsville, Dec. 1 and continued until Jan. 7. Twenty-seven were saved, five sanctified, and lots of folks sought a deeper experience with God. Nine were baptized in water and six added to the church. I met some fine folks there. Brother Winters, district pastor, took care of the services four nights for me. I was out four nights because I went down in McDowell county to buy a car. On my way back it turned over with me. The car was damaged a good bit but I was not hurt much. I am sure God took care of me because my ministry was not completed. Pray for my success at Buchanan, W. Va. I started a revival here tonight and had a good congregation. I believe God is going to bless. Please pray for the church at New Martinsville. Pray for me and my family.—G. W. Helmick, evangelist string band.

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—We have just closed a revival in Mr. Floyd Rentz's home about twelve miles south of Hazlehurst where God came down in His good way and many souls were wonderfully blessed. Sixteen were filled with

the Holy Ghost, others saved and sanctified. Twelve were added to the church. The house was so crowded until we had to stand. Others stood at windows and doors to see for they had never seen it on this fashion before. We are hoping to have another revival when the weather gets warmer. We appreciated the attendants from other places. Our good district overseer, Brother J. B. Weeks, was with us some and as usual did some of that good preaching which everybody enjoys. He and his wife did some good singing which made us feel like going on all the way. My wife and I did most of the preaching. Pray that God will continue to bless.—Yours in His glad service, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clements, Rt. 3.

NEWPORT, Ark.—On Aug. 16th Brothers W. V. Johnson and H. L. Berry came here and started a battle against sin and Satan. It was the first time the Church of God was ever preached at this place. The crowd was large and the altar was full. The devil got mad but God gave us the victory. Brother Johnson set a church in order with twelve members. Please pray a special prayer for me that I might ever do the Lord's will and that He will fill me with the Holy Ghost.—A brother in Christ, Frank Querry.

WHY NOT TRUST THE LORD

I praise the Lord for saving me. He is my Comforter and Friend when it seems I have no friend. I am glad that Jesus bore the stripes that my body might be healed. I feel His loving Spirit in my heart now.

I was very sick for about four years and my faith was weak and I consented to an operation but the Lord was good to me and spared me. We got along good about a year and the devil crept into my home and almost wrecked it and my life, but I could not afford to lose my soul so I made things right, but another disease came upon me. If we go back on God we can't expect anything only something worse to come upon us. At last the best doctors in town said they had done all they could for me. I lost fifty-five pounds in weight. I suffered about five or six months and gave up all hopes. My life was miserable. A sister was

running a meeting at Elizabethton and they took me over. One night she prayed for me, anointing me and laying on hands, and thank God from that night on till now I have been getting better. The Church of God people, my sister, and other good people were praying for me and their prayers were not in vain. The doctors said I had cancer of the stomach and I was so sore my clothes hurt me when they touched me. I could not eat scarcely anything, now I can eat almost anything I want and have gained from a hundred twenty-three to a hundred sixty-three pounds, and while I am not completely healed, I am getting better all the time and I know God can completely heal me.

I had suffered so long I did not care to get well, but now I want to live till Jesus comes and have a deeper desire to live for God. I want to tell the world what Jesus has done for me and what He will do for them if they will let Him. Oh why not serve the Lord and trust Him, the true and living One so full of tender mercy? Please hold me up in prayer that I may be an overcomer. I can never tell all God has done for me.—Mrs. G. M. Foure, First St., Harlan, Ky.

CAN FEEL THAT DIVINE LOVE

Dear Evangel readers, I have become acquainted with some of God's people through the reading of the Evangel. I am so glad that in the midst of our loneliness we can feel that divine love of God drawing us closer to Him and to each other. May that Christlike spirit continue to reign in the hearts of His people until He comes to gather up His jewels, and I pray, if He tarries, that in this new year many, many more will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and made ready to go up in the rapture.

Dear saints of God let's be faithful and gather in all the souls we can while we have time and opportunity affords us. The harvest is great and the laborers are few. They are indeed few here in the little vicinity at Culberson, but I pray God the little number will be multiplied many times this year, and that He will help us to be faithful in little things and to work where we are.—One who loves the Church of God and its cause, Ella Jenkins, Culberson, N. C.

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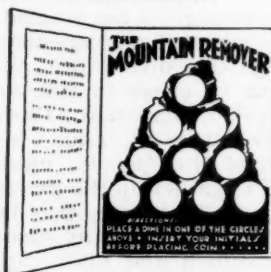
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